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SUBJECT:CONSULTATIONS WITH HUNGARY ON UN MATTERS

1. DCM (KOVACS) CALLED ON UNP DIRECTOR HELMAN ON INSTRUCTIONS SEPTEMBER 21 TO CONSULT ON FORTHCOMING UNGA. KOVACS EXPLAINED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY AT SENIOR LEVEL HAS DECIDED THIS YEAR TO MAKE BILATERAL APPROACHES IN SUPPORT OF THE HUNGARIAN MISSION TO THE UN. KOVACS WENT ON TO SAY THAT IMPROVING US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS ALSO ENCOURAGE THEM TO SEEK BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS.

2. COMMENTING GENERALLY, KOVACS SAID THAT BUDAPEST BELIEVES INTERNATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE IMPROVED AND THUS PROVIDE A BETTER BASIS FOR CONSTRUCTIVE WORK ON THE PART OF THE UN. IN ADDITION, THE SUCCESS OF THE  
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CSCE HAS IMPROVED THE ATMOSPHERE IN EUROPE, WITH

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CSCE THE MOST IMPORTANT TASK  
REMAINING.

3. KOVACS IDENTIFIED FOLLOWING ISSUES AS MOST IMPORTANT  
AT THE FORTHCOMING GA:

A. THE MIDDLE EAST: HUNGARY SUPPORTS A POLITICAL

SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND BELIEVES THAT UN  
RESOLUTIONS MUST BE IMPLEMENTED. MOREOVER, ISRAELI  
FORCES MUST BE WITHDRAWN FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.  
HELMAN RESPONDED THAT THE US ATTACHES FUNDAMENTAL  
IMPORTANCE TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST  
IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SC'S RESOLUTIONS. TO THAT END,  
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE DEBATE AND THE RESOLUTIONS  
OF THE GA NOT BE ALLOWED TO DIMINISH PROSPECTS FOR  
FUTURE PROGRESS. HE URGED HUNGARY TO USE ITS INFLUENCE  
WITH OTHERS ON BEHALF OF MODERATION, FOR EXAMPLE, IN  
DISCOURAGING ANY REPETITION OF THE ZIONISM/RACISM  
FORMULA. HE POINTED OUT THAT US REMAINS UNALTERABLY  
OPPOSED TO THAT CONCEPT. MOREOVER, HUNGARY SHOULD  
CONSIDER WHAT IT COULD DO TO STRENGTHEN THE THREE UN  
INSTITUTIONS WHICH CONTRIBUTE SO MUCH TO MIDDLE EAST  
STABILITY--UNRWA, UNDOF AND UNEF. HELMAN ALSO URGED  
THAT HUNGARY COUNSEL MODERATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
MIDDLE EASTERN QUESTIONS WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED AT  
THE FORTHCOMING UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI.

B. CYPRUS: HUNGARY CONTINUES TO BACK AN INDEPENDENT  
SOVEREIGN CYPRUS AND A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT ACHIEVED  
WITH UN ASSISTANCE. HELMAN RESPONDED THAT WE FAVORED  
SIMILAR OBJECTIVES. WALDHEIM'S EFFORTS SHOULD BE  
SUPPORTED, TOGETHER WITH AN EFFECTIVE, SOLVENT UNFICYP.

C. DISARMAMENT: HUNGARY SUPPORTS A WORLD DISARMAMENT  
CONFERENCE, WHICH SHOULD SEEK TO REVERSE THE CURRENTLY  
SLOW PACE OF DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS. HELMAN NOTED  
OUR STRONG RESERVATIONS TOWARDS A WDC AND RECALLED  
THAT THE NON-ALIGNED MAY WELL PROPOSE A SPECIAL SESSION  
OF THE GA IN 1978 TO DEAL WITH DISARMAMENT.

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D. SECRETARY GENERAL: WITH NO OTHER CANDIDATES IN THE  
FIELD, HUNGARY WILL BACK WALDHEIM'S RE-APPOINTMENT.  
HELMAN AGREED THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE ONLY ONE  
CANDIDATE. THE US IS INCLINED TO SUPPORT WALDHEIM,  
BUT WILL MAKE NO FINAL DECISION UNTIL WE KNOW WHETHER  
THERE ARE OTHER CANDIDATES.

E. ECONOMICS: HUNGARY SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE DEVELOPING NATIONS AND THEIR ECONOMIES ON THE PART OF THE UN AND ITS MEMBER STATES. HUNGARY ITSELF ATTACHED PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION IN TRADE.

4. COMMENTING GENERALLY, HELMAN SAID THAT WE WELCOME THE INITIATIVE TAKEN BY HUNGARY TO CONSULT WITH US ON

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UN MATTERS. HE NOTED THAT WE HAD DISCUSSED IN BUDAPEST CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE FORTHCOMING GA, IN PARTICULAR THE QUESTION OF KOREA. HELMAN TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON SEVERAL ADDITIONAL UN ISSUES AS FOLLOWS:

A. ON KOREA, IT APPEARS THAT THE NORTH KOREANS WILL WITHDRAW THEIR RESOLUTION. WE HAVE SOUGHT TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AND WERE GRATIFIED BY THIS DEVELOPMENT.

B. COMMITTEE OF 24 ALSO EFFECTIVELY DEFERRED CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO FOR THIS ASSEMBLY. IT IS IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, FOR BUDAPEST TO UNDERSTAND STRENGTH OF FEELING ON THE PART OF THE US THAT PUERTO RICO HAS EXERCISED ITS RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND THAT THE ISSUE IS BEYOND THE JURISDICTION OF THE UN.

C. SOUTHERN AFRICA WILL ALSO BE A MAJOR ISSUE AT THE FORTHCOMING UNGA. MUCH WILL DEPEND UPON THE RESULTS OF THE SECRETARY'S CURRENT INITIATIVES. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THESE INITIATIVES BE SUPPORTED -- AS THEY ARE BEING SUPPORTED BY AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS. IN THAT CONNECTION, HELMAN RECALLED PRESS STORIES THAT SOVIET DIPLOMATS WERE CRITICIZING AND SEEKING TO UNDERMINE THE SECRETARY'S  
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EFFORTS.

D. THE PROBLEM OF TERRORISM IS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE. THE IDEA THAT FONMIN GENSCHER MENTIONED PUBLICLY A MONTH AGO HAS MERIT AND HAS RECEIVED US SUPPORT. HUNGARY SHOULD GIVE CAREFUL THOUGHT TO SUPPORTING A GERMAN INITIATIVE BOTH IN THE INTERESTS OF DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF POLITICAL HOSTAGES AND IN ORDER TO IMPROVE RELATIONS AMONG EUROPEAN STATES.

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